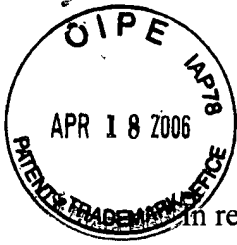


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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Edward A. Hubbard  
Serial No.: 09/834,785  
Filed: April 13, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2157  
Before the Examiner: Yves Dalencourt  
Title: SOFTWARE-BASED NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE  
SERVICES HOSTED ON MASSIVELY DISTRIBUTED  
PARALLEL COMPUTING NETWORKS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 16, 2005 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 16, 2006, and extended by a one month extension to April 16, 2006 by the petition and fee filed herewith, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remark:

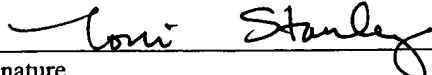
**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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